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1. WE INFORMALLY AWARE AS OF LATE 6 JUNE ~~LEGAL~~ LOCAL FBI REP'S LEAVE POSTPONED AS FBI HAD LEAD RAY MIGHT BE IN EUROPE, POSSIBLY ENGLAND.

2. FOLLWING INFO, AMPLIFYING PRESS RELEASE ISSUED WASHINGTON AROUND 1615 HOURS (LONDON TIME) BY ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK, INFORMALLY PASSED (STATION) 15-1 BY LONDON FBI REPS 2000 HOURS (LONDON TIME) 8 JUNE: RAY, TRAVELLING UNDER NAME RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WITH CANADIAN PASSPORT ARRIVED LONDON FROM TORONTO 7 MAY. CASHED RETURN AIR TICKET (TO TORONTO) FOR LONDON LISBON TICKET. LEFT LONDON FOR LISBON 7 MAY (15 HOURS LATER). 4 JUNE SCOTLAND YARD ISSUED ALL PORTS ALERT ON FBI SUGGESTION. 6 JUNE FBI LEARNED OF FOREGOING MOVEMENTS FROM SCOTLAND YARD BUT AS OF EARLY 8 JUNE LOCAL FBI BELIEVED SNEYD IN LISBON; FBI SENT 2 REPS THERE.

SNEYD RE-ENTERED U. K. UNNOTICED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. AT 1115 HOURS (LONDON TIME) 8 ~~MAY~~ JUNE SNEYD NOTICED BY BRITISH SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICER PASSING THROUGH BRITISH IMMIGRATION LINE AT AIRPORT PREPARETORY TAKING FLIGHT TO BRUSSELS.

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SNEYD PULLED OUT OF LINE AND FINGER PRINTED. RAY PRINTS (RECIEVED SOME TIME AGO FROM FBI) BROUGHT TO AIRPORT FROM SCOTLAND YARD. RAY'S PRINTS MATCHED SNEYD'S. LOCAL FBI CLAIM IDENTIFICATION CONFIRMED AND CERTAIN.

3. RAY NOW CHARGED UNDER U. K. ALIENS OFFENSE, ENTERING WITH FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS, AND CARRYING FULLY LOADED PISTOL (POSSESSION ARMS WITHOUT AUTHORITY). WILL APPEAR IN LONDON COURT 10 JUNE TO ANSWER THOSE CHARGES. MEANWHILE, TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES PREPARING

EXTRADITION REQUEST, PER FIRST DEGREE MURDER INDICTMENT RETURNED BY SHELBY COUNTY GRAND JURY AT MEMPHIS, 7 MAY 1968.

4. ALL ABOVE AVAILABLE FBI HQS WASH.

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* Hqs. learned from Reuters that Scotland Yard had arrested James Earl Ray. Queried if (Station) had no notice of this.

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